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SUBJECT: ICRC INDOCHINA GRANT

REF: A) STATE 87857, B) GENEVA 2110, C) GENEVA 2313

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FOR ED MARKS, AID FROM GARDINER

1. CONFIRMING MARKS-GARDINER TELCON, YOU SHOULD INFORM
ICRC OUR \$5MILLION GRANT MAY BE USED FOR EXPENDITURES
PRIOR TO MARCH 26 IN CONNECTION WITH ICRC'S MARCH 26
AND APRIL 4 APPEALS (REFS B & C).

2. WE NOTE THAT BOTH APPEALS REFER TO "DEVELOPING"
SITUATION AND "RAPIDLY GROWING NUMBERS OF DISPLACED
PERSONS WITH GREATLY INCREASED RELIEF NEEDS." MARCH 26
APPEAL ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN VIETNAM

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AT ONE MILLION PERSONS (WITH EQUAL NUMBER IN CAMBODIA)
AND STATED "IN ORDER MEET PRESENT NEEDS OF SEVERAL
HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS ALREADY EVACUATED TO PLACES OF
SAFETY, CASH CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAJOR PORTION OF THIS

AMOUNT (\$5 MILLION) URGENTLY NEEDED." USG GRANT (REF A) WAS IN RESPONSE TO THESE APPEALS AND WAS NOT INTENDED TO EXCLUDE EXPENDITURES PRIOR TO MARCH 26 IN WHAT WAS CLEARLY AN ALREADY DEVELOPING SITUATION AS OF THAT DATE.

3. ACCORDING REF D, HOCHE OF ICRC INFORMED GENEVA MISSION OFFICER APRIL 7 THAT ICRC HAD TRANSFERRED 1.5 MILLION SWISS FRANCS TO SAIGON RED CROSS, AND THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM \$5 MILLION RECEIVED TO THAT DATE WERE BEING USED FOR PURCHASE IN EUROPE OF BADLY NEEDED RELIEF SUPPLIES. WE SUGGEST ICRC CONSIDER ATTRIBUTING ALL OR PART OF THESE EARLY EXPENDITURES TO USG GRANT.

4. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ICRC MAY BE CONSIDERING REJECTING ENTIRE USG GRANT BECAUSE OF PEA BEAN AND RELATED ISSUES. AS ADMINISTRATOR PARKER TOLD GALLOPIN DURING RECENT GENEVA MEETING, WE ARE TRYING TO BE AS HELPFUL AND UNDERSTANDING AS POSSIBLE OF ICRC'S SITUATION WITHIN LIMITS SET BY TERMS OF OUR GRANT (REF A) AND CONGRESSIONAL CONSTRAINTS. AS FOREGOING INDICATES, WE ARE PREPARED TO REIMBURSE ICRC COSTS AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE FOR CAMBODIA AND SVN PRIOR TO COMMUNIST TAKEOVERS.

5. RATHER THAN REJECTING GRANT, WE WOULD URGE ICRC TO ALLOCATE PERMITTED COSTS TO OUR GRANT TO THE EXTENT THEY CAN. THEY COULD THEN NOTE IN THEIR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT USG GRANT WAS RESTRICTED TO NON-COMMUNIST AREAS AND THAT REMAINDER (MINUS PERMITTED ATTRIBUTED COSTS) THUS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THEIR PROGRAMS IN CAMBODIA AND SVN AFTER COMMUNIST TAKEOVERS.

6. IF APPROPRIATE SUGGEST AMB. DALE JOIN MARKS FOR CALL ON GALLOPIN TO URGE ICRC NOT TO REJECT USG GRANT IN TOTO.

7. PARKER ASKS ME TO CONVEY HIS PERSONAL DESIRE THAT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MATTER BE SETTLED IN THE MOST IMAGINATIVE WAY POSSIBLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ICRC WHICH ADHERING TO THE UNAVOIDABLE CONDITIONS OF OUR GRANT. HE IS MOST INTERESTED IN GENERALLY RELAXING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AID FUNDS ARE PROVIDED TO ICRC AND HOPES AND EXPECTS THAT WE CAN MAKE EARLY AND SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD THIS GOAL IN FUTURE GRANTS. INGERSOLL

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